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Attorney Docket No. 05225.0260

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of February 26, 2007. The items checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	9	-	20	0	x \$ 50	\$ 0
Indep.	6	-	3	3	x \$200	600
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					Subtotal	\$ 600
Reduction by ½ if small entity					-	
					TOTAL	\$ 600

- A fee of \$600 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- A check for \$600 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

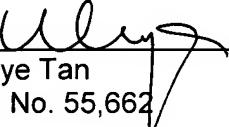


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Dated: March 26, 2007

By:   
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hideki YOSHIDA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2186  
Application No.: 10/779,738 ) Examiner: Sheng Jen TSAI  
Filed: February 18, 2004 )  
For: STORAGE APPARATUS AND ) Confirmation No.: 9440  
AREA ALLOCATION METHOD )

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## AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2007, the period for response to which extends through May 26, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.

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